

## State Board of Education Request For Freeway School Accreditation

<b>Name of Requesting School:</b>	Kokomo Academy (new petition)
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<b>Board Date:</b>	October 3, 2007	<b>Grade Span:</b>	6-12
<b>Principal:</b>	Steve Anderson	<b>Public or Private:</b>	Private
<b>Location Address:</b>	623 South Berkley Road	<b>Enrollment:</b>	94
<b>City/Town:</b>	Kokomo	<b>Targeted Student Population:</b>	Therapeutic residential boys

### Indiana Department of Education Division of Accreditation, Assistance, and Awards

The following executive summary has been compiled by the **Division of Accreditation, Assistance, and Awards** for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact on accreditation.

#### **Summary of Materials Presented to the Board:**

**1.** "The goal of Kokomo Academy is to provide a safe and secure environment for adolescent males where they can attain behavioral and academic success through group and individualized treatment. Their education and treatment is focused on enabling them to return to their home schools and communities." It is accredited by North Central Association (NCA).

**2. Attendance-** Kokomo Academy maintains an attendance rate greater than 95%.

**3. Graduation-** Students do not graduate from Kokomo Academy. Credits earned toward graduation are transferred to the home school of the student. A GED program is offered to qualifying students and is often mandated by the court placement.

**4. Benchmarks-**

ISTEP+  
TABE  
Brigance Inventory of Essential Skills  
Accelerated Reader Enterprise  
Teacher made tests, assignments, projects

**5. Staffing-** All staff are licensed in the state of Indiana. Some staff are teaching outside of their licensed grade level. (see Appendix, pages 7-9)

**Waiver Requests:****1. Instructional Minutes-** 511 IAC 6.1-3-4

"Although we follow the public school standard for awarding credits; there can arise the need for a revised daily and weekly schedule to meet our treatment and academic needs." Kokomo Academy is a year round school offering education twelve months per year with no vacations for students.

**2. Textbook Adoption-** IC 20-20-5-2, IAC 6.1-5-5, IC 20-26-12-24

"Kokomo Academy chooses curriculum and instructional materials that agree with our mission and vision for our students. We use the Indiana Department of Education Standards as the basis for the curriculum and class content." Kokomo Academy requests that the rules be waived so that they have the flexibility to purchase textbooks appropriate for their students.

**3. Curriculum-** 511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5, 511 IAC 6.1-5-4

"Kokomo Academy would like to use the flexibility granted by the Freeway Schools Program in areas of general curriculum required so the Kokomo Academy curriculum can be more individualized and still meet the needs of Kokomo Academy students."

**4. Health, safety, alcohol, tobacco and drug education-**

IC 20-30-5-8, IC 20-30-5-9, IC 20-30-5-11

Kokomo Academy has their own curriculum dealing with these areas.

**Issues-** none

**Recommendation: Five Year Accreditation**

**Rationale:** Kokomo Academy has met all criteria for consideration to become a freeway accredited school.